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### The Finance, Ways & Means Committee Schedules Its Budget Hearings (Full Schedule - Pages 9-12)

House Committee Activity: March 3 - 6, 2003



*House Education Chairman Les Wainwright makes a point to the committee following a presentation by Attorney Lewis Donelson on the equity issue. A number of superintendents and other school officials from across the state were present at the meeting. The Education Committee report is on page three.*

## Agriculture

*Denise Sims*

In keeping with Chairman Davidson's effort to feature breakthroughs in the area of agriculture, the committee heard a presentation from Rick Holman of RobexShield, manufacturers of soil erosion control blankets and a member of the International Erosion Control Association. RobexShield offers an advanced line of erosion control products to the agricultural, engineering and construction markets.

These "blankets" vary in specifications

from one to five in order to fit a range of erosion control and turf reinforcement applications. Each consists of a top net (either degradable or U.V. stabilized), a fiber layer (poly fiber, AG straw, 100% coconut, or a combination of straw and coconut), and a bottom net. The blankets' degradability is a significant factor in the product; much of the materials used are extracted from corn by-products. The pins used to hold the blankets down are also made of corn by-products. These are materials that normally would have been thrown away

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in landfills. The presentation was a demonstration of how advances are being made in natural product research.

The one bill on calendar, HB 0258 (Shepard), was withdrawn. The bill dealt with dogs running at large, and the authority of counties and municipalities to seize them within their jurisdictions.

## **Children & Family Affairs**

*Shannon Romain*

The **Children and Family Affairs Committee** met on Tuesday. There was one bill on the calendar. HB 0068 (Rep. Patton) as amended, was referred to Calendar and Rules. The bill adds additional topics to the list of premarital counseling courses that couples may take in order to receive the discounted rate on a Tennessee marriage license.

The committee received a written copy of the Department of Children's Services' Interim Progress Report detailing the department's current status under the Brian A. v. Sundquist settlement agreement. In addition to the written report, Linda O'Neal of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, testified on the Children's Program Outcome Review Team's (CPORT) recent evaluation of children in state custody. The CPORT evaluation is an "intensive case review of [a] random selection of children in state custody by region". The evaluation covered the child welfare, special education, and juvenile justice aspects of state custodianship and provided "qualitative and quantitative information for system improvement". Finally, members received a status report on pending federal child-related legislation including TANF reauthorization, which encompasses child care and child support, and several child welfare legislative proposals.

On Tuesday, Rep. Janice Santany, secretary of the full committee, chaired her first **Family Justice Subcommittee** meeting since being elected. The committee recommended an amendment to HB 0567 (Rep. Montgomery) which permits present and past county commissioners to solemnize marriages. However, following a unanimous vote to recommend the amendment, the bill was deferred for one week to give members an opportunity to review the effect of the legislation.

The **Domestic Relations Subcommittee** did not meet this week.

## **Commerce**

*Denise Sims*

The full **Commerce Committee** did not meet this week.

The **Utilities and Banking Subcommittee** met Tuesday, March 4th and sent **HB 0488** (Montgomery) to full committee. The bill allows the utility district in Sevier County to go into the rural part of Blount County adjacent to Sevier to provide natural gas service. The sponsor pointed out that it could be many years before the utility in Blount could provide the service.

The **Small Business Subcommittee** met on Wednesday, March 5th and sent **HB 1251** (McMillan) to full committee. It authorizes an apprentice auctioneer, who is also a real estate broker or affiliate broker, to conduct auctions of real property if the auctioneer under whom the apprentice is working is on the property during the auction.

The **Industrial Impact Subcommittee** cancelled its Tuesday meeting.

## **Conservation & Environment**

*Greg E. Adkins*

The **Full Environment Committee** was cancelled for the week of March 3, 2003.

The **Wildlife Subcommittee** met on March 4, 2003, but didn't have any bills. Rhedona Rose, the director of public affairs from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation introduced herself and some of her member farmers to the committee. She addressed concerns about damaged crops from large populations of wildlife and the personal property exemption for hunting on your own farmland.

The **Environment and Parks and Tourism Subcommittees** did not meet this week.

## **Consumer & Employee Affairs**

*Shannon Romain*

The **Consumer and Employee Affairs** committee met Wednesday morning. The committee amended HB 0511

(Rep. Hargrove) and referred it to **Calendar and Rules**.

As amended, the bill transfers the authority to regulate unsolicited faxes from the Department of Commerce and Insurance to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. The bill sets out the guidelines for sending unsolicited faxes, stiffens penalties for violations and lists the civil remedies available to consumers for violations of the act. Revenue from fines imposed for violations will be deposited in the public utilities account of the general fund.

In the **Consumer Affairs Subcommittee**, Andy Wise, Chief Investigative Reporter for Channel 3 news in Memphis, and Kevin Snyder, a Consumer Affairs attorney, testified on HB 0165, an amendment to the Lemon Law Act. The gentlemen lobbied to have the Tennessee lemon laws strengthened and the express warranties on automobiles extended. Following comments and questions from members, the bill was deferred for two weeks.

The **Employee Affairs Subcommittee** did not meet.

## **Education**

*Pam Mason*

One bill was on calendar, **HB 28** (Turner, M.). This legislation prohibits institutions of higher learning from applying more stringent rules on sororities than fraternities. This bill was amended to correct a typographical error, 9-7-124 changed to 49-7-124. It was passed to Calendar and Rules.

Mr. Lewis Donelson, attorney on the small schools systems case, spoke to the Committee on this suit. He covered the actions of this suit from its first filing in 1988 to the present day decision.

He requested

that the Committee look at taking two actions:

1. Make teacher salary a full component of the BEP.
2. Readdress the cost differential fund.



*Atty. Donelson addresses the committee.*

## **K-12 Subcommittee**

All bills on notice in K-12 were deferred for one week. Dr. Douglas Wood, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, addressed the subcommittee on Early Childhood Education. Dr. Mary Jo Holland, research associate for the SBE, assisted in the report. Dr. Wood stated that there are 20,000 children eligible for such a program. He emphasized that the proposed plan would not be universal or an entitlement, but strictly voluntary. Dr. Wood provided the members with projected pre-kindergarten eligible children for each school system in the state. Jan Bushing, Department of Education, also participated and provided information on the pilot programs in place.

## **Higher Education Subcommittee**

The Higher Education Subcommittee did not meet this week. The one bill on notice, HB 479 (McDonald) was deferred to March 18.



*Rep. Tommie Brown (right) chairs the Higher Education Subcommittee.*

## **Finance, Ways & Means**

*Cathy Higgins*

### **Full Committee**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2002**

The full committee met on Tuesday, March 4th, to hear four bills on calendar.

The following bills were referred to Calendar and Rules:

- **HB 174 (Briley)** In 2002 the General Assembly passed legislation exempting "state employees" from the occupational privilege tax. The Attorney General opined that the exemption has to apply to federal employees as well. This legislation will exempt full-time federal employees from the occupational privilege tax.
- **HB 248 (Fitzhugh, Head)** is the Tennessee Consolidate Retirement System housekeeping

legislation. The bill addresses issues as lump sum payments of less than \$50; temporary disability benefits, information submitted electronically, etc. The fiscal cost for the housekeeping measure is minimal.

- **HB 1248 (McMillan)** amends the law as it relates to military personnel and payment of certain local taxes. Current law gives military personnel on active duty outside the United States a 90-day extension for the payment of property taxes and Hall income tax during Operating Enduring Freedom. This bill extends the extension to other hostilities as determined by the U.S. Department of Defense.

**HB 746 (Brooks [Knox])** at the sponsor's request was rolled three weeks. This bill will require the commissioners of health, mental health and development disabilities, revenue, and the comptroller to review, devise, and propose a franchise/excise tax credit incentive program that will encourage employment of developmentally disabled adults. The commissioners and comptroller are to report to the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate before the second Tuesday in January 2004.

Chairman Head announced that budget hearings would begin next week with an Overview by Commissioner Goetz on Tuesday, March 11th. The budget-hearing schedule for 2003 is attached. (See Page 9)

#### **Budget Subcommittee Wednesday, March 05, 2003**



*Budget Sub Chairman Craig Fitzhugh and Rep. Tim Garrett discuss the day's calendar.*

Budget sub had four bills on calendar this week. Taken off notice, at the sponsor's, request, were **HB 533 (McDaniel)** and **HB 186 (Turner, Mike)**. **HB 887 (Briley)** was rolled one week.

**HB 1258 (McMillan)** In 2002 the General Assembly enacted a Tax Study Commission composed of 15

citizens from various entities. This bill will increase that membership by 4 to 19. Of the 4 additional people: 3 are to be female and 1 is to be an African American - all 4 are to be jointly appointed by both Speakers. The bill was amended in subcommittee to clarify that funding for the additional members will come from existing resources of the Tax Study Commission. Last year's general appropriation bill appropriated \$400,000 to fund the Commission.

#### **The Finance Committee Begins Its Budget Hearings On Tuesday, March 11th.**

Please See Pages 9-12 For The Schedule.

### **Government Operations**

*Denise Sims*

The **Government Operations Committee** had eight bills on calendar this week. House Bills 0274, 0559, 0563 and 0874 were rolled one week. House Bill 0233 was rolled two weeks. Committee members discussed **HB 0197 (M. Turner)** before the sponsor rolled the bill one week. The bill seeks to create an enforceable Birth Defects Registry. The Registry was created by legislation two years ago, but it was made voluntary. This bill would make compliance mandatory.

The committee referred **HB 1048 (McCord)** to the Conservation and Environment Committee. This bill would allow the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission to promulgate rules permitting licensed trappers to release small game animals in counties contiguous to the counties in which the animals were trapped. Currently they are not allowed to trap and transfer out of an area. According to the sponsor, this was worked out with TWRA last year.

#### The Lottery: The Implementation Bill

Chairman Kernell and the committee then spent the remainder of the time discussing **HB 0001**, the lottery bill. Attorney Doug Himes of the Office of Legal Services continued



*Atty. Doug Himes*



from last week his section-by-section review of the amendment that makes the bill. As it was reviewed, several members noted that they wanted to offer amendments. Chairman Kernell and the committee initially agreed to hear the *entire* revision before submitting amendments, but during a continuation of the meeting on Wednesday morning, they adopted the main amendment and agreed to begin submitting changes. The committee met again after session on Wednesday.

Amendments that came out of the committee dealt with the composition of the lottery board, opposition to stand alone ticket selling machines, sales to minors, prohibiting the use of debit cards and other issues. The bill, if amended, was referred to State and Local Government's State Subcommittee.

## Health & Human Resources

Judy Narramore

The **Health & Human Resources Committee** met at noon on Tuesday to consider four pieces of legislation. **HB 0585** by Rep. Shepard, which would allow RNs to pronounce death of hospitalized patients under certain circumstances, was discussed and ultimately rolled one week. Existing statute allows RNs to determine and pronounce death of hospice and nursing home patients. Committee members had several questions concerning documentation issues, responsibilities of the attending physician, and rules and regulations related to the existing statute. **HB 0531** by Rep. Davis, which authorizes podiatrists to order home health services for their patients, was discussed and then rolled one week for consideration of an amendment brought by Rep. Davis. The amendment rewrites the bill to authorize a podiatrist to order home health services, provided that such services are follow-up to treatment provided by the podiatrist. **HJR 0105** by Rep. L. Miller, which designates each April as *Minority Health Awareness Month in Tennessee*, was referred to C&R. **HB 0593** by Rep. Bowers concerning services provided by the Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities was rolled two weeks at the request of the sponsor.

The **Mental Health Subcommittee** met Tuesday afternoon to hear a presentation by Commissioner Virginia Betts, Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities. Commissioner Betts' remarks emphasized that mental illnesses are real,

diagnosable, treatable, and curable. Plans for budget cuts within the Department include administrative costs and contracts, particularly contracted provider positions that can be converted to FTE positions.

The **Professional Occupations Subcommittee** met Wednesday morning and referred all bills on calendar to full committee. **HB 0304** by Rep. Sontany as amended allows physical therapists or physical therapist assistants licensed in other states to be exempt from Tennessee licensure when temporarily performing physical therapy services for members of visiting athletic teams or similar entities. The amendment adds language to the bill that requires the physical therapist provider to use the Secretary of State for service of process if an injury occurs during the course of providing the physical therapy services. Under **HB 0552** by Rep. Armstrong as amended, a person who completes Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination would have seven years from the date of completion of Step 1 in which to complete the examination. Current regulations require all three steps of the examination to be completed within seven years. The amendment adds language that authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to promulgate rules to create exceptions to the seven-year time frame. **HB 1286** by Rep. Odom clarifies that the Division of Health Related Boards may provide assistance to impaired health practitioners through agreements with or grants to statewide, nonprofit professional associations or their affiliated foundations; however, such grants do not deem recipient programs to be state programs.

The **Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee** had four bills on calendar Wednesday morning. **HB 0442** by Rep. Bowers requires the Department of Health to establish and maintain a data collection system for reporting information on the disease sepsis. Tennessee public medical schools and entities offering continuing medical education would have to provide at least one course that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis. The bill would not be implemented without advance funding from non-state sources, such as grants, gifts, etc. The bill was discussed and then rolled two weeks by the sponsor for drafting of amendatory language. **HB 0576** by Rep. Sontany, which would redefine "assisted-care living facility resident" to remove the requirement that a resident demonstrate self-administration of oxygen for at least one year to be a resident in an assisted-care living facility, was referred to full committee. Members heard testimony and discussed **HB 0669** by Rep. M. Turner, the *Consumer Protection Act for Wheeled Mobility*. Rep. Turner rolled the bill two weeks to allow subcommittee members time to

review the amendment brought today that rewrites the bill. HB 0434 by Rep. Patton concerning registration of automated external defibrillators was rolled four weeks by the sponsor.

The **Health Care Facilities Subcommittee** held its first meeting of 2003 on Wednesday morning. Melanie Hill, Executive Director of the Health Services and Development Agency, (formerly the Health Facilities Commission) appeared before the subcommittee and gave a brief overview of the Health Services and Development Agency and the State Health Planning and Advisory Board, both created by the *Tennessee Health Services and Planning Act of 2002* (Public Chapter 780 of the Public Acts of 2002).

## Judiciary

Paige Edwards

### Criminal Procedure & Practice

On Tuesday, the **Criminal Procedure & Practice Subcommittee** met to consider seven bills. HB 652 by Representative Stanley was rolled for one week.

HB 61 by Representative Overbey, as amended, is held in the subcommittee and will be heard in an upcoming meeting with other bills that pertain to DUI offenses. HB 61 adds criteria for determining habitual offender status to include being in control of an automobile or other motor vehicle while intoxicated or drugged.

The following five bills were **sent to the full committee**:

- **HB 64** by Representative Overbey expands the offense of retaliation for past action against an official to include harm or threats of harm to family members. Under this bill, a family member is defined for the purpose of this legislation. As under present law, the offense is punishable as a class E felony.
- **HB 841** by Representative Wood authorizes subpoenaed telephone company records to be faxed to local law enforcement officials. After the telephone records are faxed, this bill specifies that a true and correct copy of all subpoenaed telephone records would be filed with the court clerk. The custodian or other authorized agent of the telephone

company would send the subpoenaed telephone records to the clerk by registered or certified mail.

- **HB 7** by Representative Newton, as amended, requires a felon to serve a minimum sentence of 30 years for the rape of a child.
- **HB 172** by Representative Briley authorizes a judge to order that criminal sentences run consecutively if a defendant is sentenced for an offense committed while on probation or community corrections.
- **HB 433** by Representative Patton, as amended, creates a Class A misdemeanor when a person knowingly misrepresents academic credentials to secure employment at or admission to an institution of higher education in Tennessee.

### Constitutional Protections

On Tuesday, the **Constitutional Protections Subcommittee** met to consider **HB 63** by Representative Overbey. This bill adds county magistrates to the list of officials who may carry a handgun at all times pursuant to a written directive by the executive supervisor of the organization to which the person is or was attached or employed. The subcommittee approved passage and sent HB 63 to the full committee.

### Judicial Administration

On Tuesday, the **Judicial Administration Subcommittee** met to consider two bills. HB 1078 by Representative Maddox was rolled for one week.

**HB 231** by Representative Hackwork was sent to the full committee. HB 231 clarifies that general sessions judges have the authority to administer the oath of office to any elected or appointed public official.

### Civil Procedure & Practice

On Wednesday, the **Civil Procedure & Practice Subcommittee** met to consider three bills. HB 424 by Representative Walker was taken off notice. HB 644 by Representative Maddox was rolled for two weeks.

**HB 751** by Representative Buck was sent to the full committee. Essentially, HB 751 is a housekeeping matter that removes part of a section in the code relating to service of process. This code section was not removed last year when Public Chapter 794 (2002) was enacted.

## **Full Committee**

On Wednesday, the **Full Judiciary Committee** met to consider six bills.

HB 34 by Representative Turner (Davidson) was referred to the **Criminal Procedure & Practice Subcommittee** for consideration with other DUI legislation. HB 34 would increase the penalty and modify the age requirements to constitute child endangerment under the Drunk Driving Protection Act. Under this bill, a person would commit child endangerment for driving an automobile or vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol with a child under 16 years of age. The penalty for committing this offense would be a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a mandatory minimum incarceration of 11 months and 29 days with a \$1,000 minimum fine. The incarceration and fine would be added to any other incarceration and fine required by law. The penalties for aggravated child endangerment and especially aggravated child endangerment would remain the same as under present law.

HB 572 by Representative Fowlkes and HB 642 by Representative Maddox were rolled for two weeks. HB 572 imposes a moratorium on the creation of new municipal courts by the general assembly or home rule municipalities until the Tennessee Judicial Council makes a recommendation for the general assembly to consider. HB 642 is a private act for Martin, Tennessee that establishes duties and requirements for the city recorder, municipal judge, and municipal court clerk. The committee agreed to hear both of these bills at the beginning of the committee meeting on March 19th.

The following three bills were sent to **Calendar & Rules**:

- **HR 22 by Representative Fowlkes** approves amendments to the Tennessee Rules of Evidence promulgated by the Tennessee Supreme Court.
- **HB 570 by Representative Fowlkes** makes technical corrections that reflect the change from the "Code of Professional Responsibility" to the "Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct." These rules govern the professional conduct of lawyers and judges.
- **HB 571 by Representative Fowlkes** would not require social security numbers to be submitted when a petition is filed to appoint a conservator.

## **State & Local Government**

*Lawrence Hall, Jr.*

This week in the **State and Local Government Committee**, chaired by Rep. Ulysses Jones, there were two bills on the calendar. **HB 529**, by Rep. Davis, was passed to Calendar and Rules. This bill will allow a county to pay for the cremation expenses of a deceased pauper. **HB 435**, by Rep. Hawk was also passed to Calendar and Rules. This bill adds Greene County to the list of other counties that are authorized to clear away overgrown vegetation and other dangerous conditions on owner occupied lands.

The committee heard a presentation by Nat Johnson and James Floyd, both from the Department of Personnel. Mr. Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, provided information regarding the role and function of the department. Mr. Floyd, Assistant Commissioner, presented additional information regarding the reduction in force procedure.

The **State Government Subcommittee**, chaired by Rep. Larry Miller, deferred all five bills on the calendar to a later date. **HB 650**, by Rep. Stanley, which was deferred for one week, would require any member of the general assembly to disclose information to the registry of election finance regarding consulting contracts in excess of \$2,000. **HB 654**, also by Rep. Stanley, will prevent legislators and employees of the legislature from lobbying the members of the general assembly for at least one year after leaving the office or employment of the legislature. This bill was deferred for one week.

The **Local Government Subcommittee**, chaired by Rep. Harry Tindell, considered **HB 714**, by Rep. Hackworth, which passed to full committee. This bill says that where there is a city that lies partly in two counties, the state board of equalization is allowed to adjust the reappraisal cycle for the purpose of synchronizing one county's cycle with a contiguous county's cycle. **HB 647**, by Rep. Stanley, was passed over to the full committee. This bill authorizes two or more municipalities to jointly create a corridor of central business improvement districts.

The **Elections Subcommittee**, chaired by Rep. Edith Langster, passed **HB 756**, by Rep. Hargrove to full committee. This legislation allows a county election commission to establish a centrally locate voting site to serve the needs of those voters who have been moved to another voting precinct, and who were unaware of the relocation. This bill further requires write-in candidates to give written notice in each county no later than 20 days before the primary election. The purpose of the

notice is to request that their ballots be counted in each county. **HB 419**, by Rep. McDaniel, passed to full committee. It establishes a procedure for an automatic recount in an election where the margin of victory is within one tenth of one percent of the final count. **HB 1257**, by Rep. McMillan, was passed to full committee. This bill will require the registry of election finance to create an electronic filing system which will allow the filing of financial disclosure forms and other required documents. The bill does not make it mandatory that a candidate file such documents electronically.

## **Transportation**

*Greg E. Adkins*

The **Full Transportation Committee** met March 5, 2003 and considered five bills.

The following highway sign bills passed to the House FW&M Committee:

1. **HB 269** "Hickman County Veterans Highway" (Amendment--adds additional language to the sign.)
2. **HB 276** by Rep. Wood--"Harrison Bay Parkway" (Amendment--makes the sign subject to local funding.)
3. **HB 595** by Rep. Tidwell--"Tom J. Shaw Bridge"
4. **HB 596** by Rep. Tidwell--"Dr. Earl Salhany Memorial Highway"

**HB 661** by Rep. Brooks (Knox) was rolled one week. The bill authorizes the issuance of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority new specialty earmarked license plates.

The **Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee** met on March 4, 2003 and considered one bill. **HB 1177** by Rep. Montgomery passed to the Full Transportation Committee. The bill designates the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame and affiliated Tennessee Museum of Aviation as the official state repository and archive for aviation history.

The **Public Transportation and Highways Subcommittee** met on March 5, 2003 and considered six bills.

The following four highway sign bills passed to Full Transportation Committee:

1. **HB 57** by Rep. Borchert--"Bernice Rainey Bridge"
2. **HB 229** by Rep. Garrett--Directional signs for "Nossi College of Art" (Amendment-Subject to private or local funding)

3. **HB 474** by Rep. Fowlkes--"Roy Nance Manns Memorial Bridge" (Amendment--Deletes requirement for local funding because the individual died in the line of duty)
4. **HB 863** by Rep. McDaniel--"Jim W. Ayers Highway"

**HB 519** by Rep. L. Turner passed to full committee. The bill authorizes the issuance of Prince Hall Masons specialty earmarked license plates. **HB 900** by Rep. Head passed to full committee as amended. The amended bill will allow TDOT to reimburse a utility for the cost of utility relocation for road projects on public right of way. The cost will be included in the highway construction project. The bill is in response to delay times on road projects due to slow utility relocation.

**HOUSE FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
2003-2004 BUDGET HEARINGS**

**Legislative Plaza Hearing Room 16**

**Tuesday, March 11th**

1:30 p.m. following  
the calendar.

Budget Overview, FY 2002-03 and 2003-04

Dave Goetz, Commissioner F&A

**Wednesday, March 12th**

1:30 p.m.

Labor and Workforce Development

Commissioner James Neeley

Financial Institutions

Commissioner Kevin Lavender

State Museum

Executive Director Lois Riggins Ezell

Arts Commission

Executive Director Rich Boyd

**Thursday, March 13th**

11:00 a.m. or immediately  
after session

Commerce & Insurance

Commissioner Paula Flowers

Environment & Conservation

Commissioner Betsy Child

TN Wildlife Resource Agency

Executive Director Gary Myers

**Tuesday, March 18th**

1:30 p.m. following  
the calendar

Steve Adams, Retirement Actuarial

Ron Snell, NCSL, federal issues

**Wednesday, March 19th**

1:30 p.m.

General Services

Commissioner Gwendolyn Davis

Personnel

Commissioner Randy Camp

Revenue

Commissioner Loren Chumley

Economic & Community Development

Commissioner Matt Kisber

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**Thursday, March 20th**

11:00 a.m. or immediately  
after session

Homeland Security  
Major General Jerry Humble  
Military  
Major General Gus Hargett  
Safety  
Commissioner Fred Phillips  
TN Bureau of Investigation  
Director Larry Wallace

**Tuesday, March 25th**

1:30 p.m. following  
the calendar

Comptroller  
Comptroller John Morgan  
Treasury  
Treasurer Steve Adams

**Wednesday, March 26th**

1:30 p.m.

Post Conviction Defender  
Executive Director Don Dawson  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
Admin. Director Connie Clark  
Attorney General and Reporter  
Attorney General Paul Summers  
District Attorneys General  
Executive Director James Kirby  
Public Defenders  
Executive Director Andy Hardin

**Thursday, March 27th**

11:00 a.m. or immediately  
after session

Agriculture  
Commissioner Ken Givens  
Transportation  
Commissioner Jerry Nicely  
TN House Development Agency  
Executive Director Janice Myrick  
Tourist Development  
Commissioner Susan Whitaker

**Tuesday, April 1st**

1:30 p.m. following  
the calendar

TN Regulatory Authority  
Chairman Sara Kyle  
Secretary of State  
Secretary Riley Darnell

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**Wednesday, April 2nd**

1:30 p.m.

Education K-12  
Commissioner Lana Sievers  
State Board of Education  
Dr. Douglas Wood

**Thursday, April 3rd**

11:00 a.m. or immediately  
after session

TN Higher Education Commission  
Executive Director Rich Rhoda  
University of Tennessee  
President John Shumaker  
TN Board of Regents  
Chancellor Charles Manning  
TN Student Assistance Corporation  
Executive Director Michael Roberts

**Tuesday, April 8th**

1:30 p.m. following  
the calendar

Veterans Affairs  
Commissioner John Keys  
Human Rights  
Executive Director Julius Sloss  
TN Advisory Commission (TACIR)  
Executive Director Harry Green

**Wednesday, April 9th**

1:30 p.m.

Correction  
Commissioner Quenton White  
Probation & Parole  
Executive Director Charles Traugher  
Alcoholic Beverage Commission  
Acting Director Danielle Elks  
TN Corrections Institute  
Executive Director David Henlsey

**Thursday, April 10th**

11:00 a.m. or immediately  
after session

TennCare  
Director Manny Martins  
Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities  
Commissioner Ginna Betts  
Commission on Aging  
Executive Director James Whaley  
F&A Health Services  
Deputy Commissioner Richard Kellogg  
Commerce & Insurance, TennCare Oversight  
Deputy Commissioner Scott White

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**Tuesday, April 15th**

1:30 p.m. following  
the calendar

Finance & Administration  
Commissioner Dave Goetz

**Wednesday, April 16th**

1:30 p.m.

Health  
Commissioner Kenneth Robinson  
Human Services  
Commissioner Gina Lodge  
Children Services  
Commissioner Michael Miller  
Health Services & Development Agency  
Executive Director Melanie Hill  
Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges  
Executive Director Joan Archer  
Commission on Children & Youth  
Executive Director Linda O'Neal

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